ADP

CONFIDENTIAL

9 JAN 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Management Information Systems Group, OIT

FROM: William F. Donnelly   25X1
                  Director of Information Technology

SUBJECT   Corporate Information Systems

   1. OIT has put a document on the table for the DA Office Directors to
read pertaining to where we think we should go with respect to the Corporate
Information Systems. From where I sit, the document did not draw much comment
nor did very many people argue with us. I think it is generally agreed (a)
that we want a DBMS which is in the main stream of what is going on in the
world in the 1980s, (b) that the applications used by each DA Office should
play together easily from a technical viewpoint and (c) that we should seek to
bring into the Agency to the extent possible existing applications so that we
don't have to go through a long, expensive development process.

   2. Are you and I in agreement up to this point?

   3. I would like to see layed out in front of me, keyed to the DA Office
which is the sponsor (include the Comptroller), the various ADP corporate
information systems (a) which now exist and (b) which are now being upgraded,
developed or converted. The "chart" which presents this information should be
in a form which can be used by you to brief the new DDA.

   4. Let's talk about the data to be presented on the "chart" as well as a
time schedule for having it ready.

   5. In my opinion, the information collected in the various ADP corporate
information systems is too detailed for day-to-day use by CIA upper
management. Usually, upper management needs decision support systems which
take the cream off of the ADP corporate information systems. This is one of
the reasons OIT has to make certain all of the systems play together. What
are we doing to deliver an upper level management ADP decision support
system?

   6. I'd like to hear from you on this question.

25X1

CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: Corporate Information Systems

7.   It is one thing for the offices in the DA to develop ADP corporate information systems. It is another to have those systems serve the needs of non-DA organizations. Have we taken any steps to discuss with DO, DI and DS&T managers what they would like to have at their finger tips as corporate information? For example, if given a limit of ten or twenty items, what items of corporate information would they like to have available? The answers to this question might help OIT to prioritize which systems we work on first, second, etc.. If one looks at the corporate information systems from outside the DA, the concerns of the customers is perhaps far different than from within. Of course, we have to work for both but we should know the facts.

8.   I'd like to have your ideas about how to gain the views of non-DA managers on this topic. Should we try to get some of them together?

9.   Please get on my calendar to discuss the thoughts above.

25X1

William F. Donnelly   25X1

25X1

O/D/OIT:WFDonnelly :mjl((7Jan86)

Distribution:
        Original - Addressee
                1-DD/OIT
                1-DD/OIT-M
                1-DD/OIT-O
                2-D/OIT